

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2004
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on June 23 at 10:30 a.m. at Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA.

Members Present: Joseph E. Petrillo, Chair
Fran Florez, Vice Chair
Marc Adelman
Donna Andrews
Rod Diridon, Sr.
Lynn Schenk

Members Absent: Bob Giroux
T.J. Stapleton

Approval of Minutes for March 23, 2004 Meeting

Chairperson Petrillo presented the minutes for approval. Member Adelman moved to approve the March 23, 2004 meeting minutes. Vice Chairperson Florez seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation

Chair Petrillo presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Diridon moved to approve the list of meetings for compensation. Member Andrews seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Election of Officers

Member Diridon nominated both Chair Petrillo and Vice Chair Florez to remain in their respective officers positions for the upcoming fiscal year (2004/2005), Member Andrews seconded the motion. Member Diridon amended the motion to include officers from each of the major areas, adding a representative from Los Angeles, Member Andrews and a representative from San Diego, Member Adelman, as Co-Vice Chairs. The amended motion was seconded by Member Andrews and carried 6-0.

Members Reports

Member Diridon discussed the status of federal re-authorization of TEA-21 and HSGTA's efforts for study money for high-speed rail projects nationwide.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Morshed discussed the 2004/05 budget, stating that the Assembly subcommittee augmented the Authority's budget by \$720,000 for the completion of the EIR/EIS, and the Senate concurred with the augmentation.

Executive Director Morshed reported on a letter from Senator Perata requesting the environmental review of the Altamont Pass in the program EIR/EIS. Executive Director Morshed stated that Senator Perata's letter also included a request for a ridership/revenue study to be funded out of the Regional Measure 2 funds.

Executive Director Morshed reported on a meeting with a Japanese consortium in San Francisco. As a result of this meeting Japanese rail representatives will be conducting two seminars in California to educate interested parties about Japanese high-speed rail. The Japanese have also tentatively extended an invitation to the Authority, members of the Legislature and the administration to visit their system in mid-October.

Executive Director Morshed reported on two bills addressing the issue of changing the bond measure; SB 1169 (Murray) changes the date for a vote to November 2006 – which has passed the Senate and the Assembly Transportation Committee, will be heard today by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and could pass the Assembly floor tomorrow; AB 2865 changes the date to November 2008.

Proposed Meeting Dates and Activities

Executive Director Morshed presented a schedule for upcoming meeting dates and discussed potential items at these meetings for the remainder of the calendar year for Authority discussion.

Public Comment

Ken Ruben, RailPac

Mr. Ruben stated RailPac's support of the high-speed rail program and offered their assistance in any way possible.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.